



Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals/
Office of Aging and Adult Services

Nursing Facility Services

What is a Nursing Facility?

A nursing facility provides 24 hour care for rehabilitative, restorative, and/or ongoing skilled nursing care to patients or residents in need of assistance with activities of daily living (ADL's); such as bathing dressing, transferring, toileting and eating.

Who qualifies medically for Long Term Care Facility Services?

Persons qualify who:

- Meet the level of care criteria for admission to a nursing facility, **AND**
- Have an order from a physician licensed in Louisiana for admission into a nursing facility, **AND**
- Are screened prior to admission for a history or active treatment of mental illness and/or mental retardation/developmental disabilities according to federal regulations.

Services provided in Nursing Facilities Include:

Extensive Help with:	Other Services:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eating• Bathing• Dressing• Grooming• Transferring• Walking• Toileting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential Care-24 hour nursing care• Rehabilitative issues• Specialized Services as determined through Level II determination• Skilled Nursing

What are the 2010 income and resource limits for Medicaid Financial Eligibility?

Income:	Countable Resources:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2,022 for an individual (up to 3 times the SSI amount)• \$4,044 for a couple (when both spouses need long-term care.)• If an individual is ineligible solely because countable income is over the cap amounts above, he/she may be considered under the Medically Needy Program * (see below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2,000 for an individual• \$3,000 for a couple• \$109,560 in resources, as long as one spouse at home does not get long-term care.• These income and resource limits are subject to change each year.

* Under the Medically Needy Program, income must be less than the Medicaid rate for that facility, or the individual may be certified on a month to month basis if the individual's monthly income is over the Medicaid facility rate but below the monthly MNIES (\$100 urban, \$92 rural) after subtracting the Medicaid facility fee, any ongoing monthly medical expenses (i.e. Medicare Part B premium) or any nonrecurring medical expenses (i.e., prescriptions that are not paid by any medical plan). (Call your Parish Medicaid Office for further clarification.)

**If you want to find out about Nursing Facility or Home and
Community Based Services**

Call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at

**1-877-456-1146
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